THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Neither the Central Government nor the State Government of Jharkhand is aware of any such case.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) follow the syllabus prescribed by CBSE, which is based on the syllabus framed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) as per National Curriculum Framework, 2005 and also generally follow NCERT textbooks. Schools affiliated to State Boards follow the relevant syllabus prescribed in the State.

Compensation for ragging victims

373. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has convened any meeting to discuss how to check ragging;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived at;

(c) the number of victims of ragging during the current year, State-wise;

(d) the compensation given to Praneeta and other students in Andhra Pradesh, so far;

(e) whether the expenses of treatment is being borne by Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government has been convening meetings from time to time with regulatory bodies to take stock of status of implementation of measures for the prevention and prohibition of ragging and asked to prepare strict regulation on curbing the menace of ragging. This issue has also been discussed with State Governments at the conferences of State Ministers' of Higher and Technical Education. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) have notified Anti Ragging regulations on 17-06-2009 and 1-7-2009 respectively. The Government of India has been launching a Campaign against ragging through newspapers and the audiovisual media at the commencement of each academic session. As a result, considerable progress has been achieved in raising the awareness of all stakeholders like educational institutions, students, parents, teachers, civil authorities and the police regarding the adverse effects of ragging and the need to stop the practice.

(c) Although information on cases pertaining to ragging in higher educational institution has not been maintained centrally so far, provision has been made for maintaining such information by the

'National Anti-Ragging Helpline' established on 20th June, 2009 under the UGC Regulations in respect of ragging which have come into force from 17th June, 2009.

(d) to (g) The information is being collected from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Hike of tuition fee in private colleges

374. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is fully aware that the professional colleges and institutions hike the tuition fees indiscriminately;

(b) the mechanism with Government to judge the rationale behind the hike;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The fees charged for professional courses by the unaided and self-financing institutions are known to be relatively higher than those in the publicly funded institutions. The Supreme Court in its judgement in the matter of Islamic Academy of Education and another *Vs* the State of Karnataka and others, had directed that the State Governments should set up in each State a Committee to approve/ fix the fee which can be charged by an institute. In the absence of appropriate laws for the purpose, the Apex Court upheld these Committees while revisiting the 'Islamic Academy' in the matter of P. A, Inamdar *Vs.* State of Maharashtra & Ors. publicly funded institutions.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted a Committee in August, 2007 to formulate, *inter alia*, regulations with regard to admission and fee for self financing private professional institutions including deemed to be universities. The recommendations of the Committee have been approved by the UGC in its meeting on 22nd June, 2009 and are under examination by the Government.

Teaching of minority language

375. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of helping teaching of minority languages in the States;

(b) the progress made in this scheme during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any grant has been given for Punjabi teachers in Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J and K; and

(d) whether any of these State Governments have sent any proposal for getting aid for recruitment of Punjabi teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Financial